S.No.	State/UT	Estimated No. of HIV infections
18.	Delhi	37129
19..	Haryana	25129
20.	Himachal Pradesh	3674
21.	Jammu & Kashmir	17742
22.	Jharkhand	47316
23.	Kerala	46067
24.	Lakshadweep	181
25.	Madhya Pradesh	97288
26.	Meghalaya	1213
27.	Mizoram	2889
28.	Orissa	14934
29.	Punjab	63516
30.	Rajasthan	192451
31.	Sikkim	226
32.	Tripura	5036
33.	Uttar Pradesh	276121
34.	Uttaranchal	16189
35.	West Bengal	124593

Ban on anti-diabetic drugs

572. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after 32 years Government have banned the anti-diabetic drugs; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The drug Phenformin was withdrawn in USA in 1977 because of occurrence of lactic acidosis

with the use of the drug. The matter was then examined in consultation with experts in India and it was opined by the experts that lactic acidosis reported in the West is not common in Indian Population and the drug was effective as an oral anti-diabetic drug. The drug remained available in Spain, Italy, Mexico and some other parts of Europe and continued to be marketed in India also.

Subsequently, the Drug Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) on reconsideration of the matter opined that as large number of oral drugs for treatment of diabetes are now available in the country, the continued marketing of Phenformin may be stopped.

The drug Phenformin has, therefore, been prohibited for manufacture and sale in the country with effect from 1 st October, 2003 *vide* Gazette Notification GSR 780 (E) dated 01.10.2003.

New Medical Course

573. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to introduce a three year medical course to build up a special cadre of doctors capable and willing to serve in the villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the view points of the various State Governments have been elicited with regard thereto and if so, their reaction in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Presently there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Appointment of Principal at Vardhman Mahavir Medical College

574. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision to appoint a full time regular Principal at Vardhman Mahavir Medical College, Delhi;

(b) whether the Principal would be from teaching sub-cadre of CHS; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?